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Application No.  
PCT/IB00/01895 under 35  
U.S.C. 371, for **DEVICE AND A  
METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
BLOOD RECIRCULATION IN  
A VASCULAR ACCESS**

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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. WIPO 98/17334

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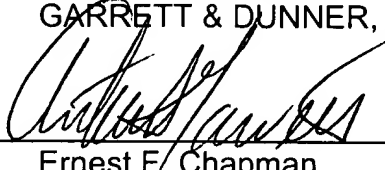
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